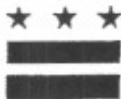


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER



February 28, 2007

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Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: *Certain Baseband Processor Chips and Chipsets,
Transmitter and Receiver (Radio) Chips, Power Control
Chips, and Products Containing Same, Including Cellular
Telephone Handsets, Inv. No. 337-TA-543: Request to
Appear at Public Hearing*

Dear Secretary Abbott:

On February 9, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Hearing in the above-captioned matter, 72 Fed. Reg. 7456 (February 15, 2007). The Notice provides an opportunity for government agencies, public interest groups, and other interested members of the public to make oral presentations on the issues of remedy and public interest. Pursuant to that Notice, I hereby submit this request to appear and make an oral presentation on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia. A brief synopsis of my oral presentation is attached.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Chief Technology Officer
District of Columbia

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ORAL PRESENTATION OF ROBERT LEGRANDE
Interim Chief Technology Officer of the Government of the District of Columbia
In The Matter Of *Certain Baseband Processor Chips And Chipsets, Transmitter And
Receiver (Radio) Chips, Power Control Chips, And Products Containing Same,
Including Cellular Telephone Handsets*, Inv. No. 337-TA-543

The District of Columbia government, along with its National Capital Region (NCR) partners, is deploying a seamless, interoperable, public safety grade regional wireless broadband network of networks dedicated to public safety. This network, the Regional Wireless Broadband Network (RWB), will use EV-DO technology and provide wireless broadband data subscriber devices such as PC cards, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), embedded laptops, and AVL modems. We have concrete plans to leverage EVDO cell phones to address our voice interoperability challenges. Limiting or banning the imports will negatively impact our efforts. This is a critical element of the NCR's efforts to safeguard the public, particularly in light of the fact that it is the seat of government and was directly affected by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. RWB will be used to ensure the security of National Capital Region citizens, and to provide interoperability and emergency communication links throughout the region and with Federal homeland security agencies.

Via a competitive bid process, the NCR contracted Lucent Technologies who proposed 1xEV-DO as their standard technology solution. While I do not wish to express a view in the underlying merits of the case, it is our understanding that the remedies proposed in this case would block the importation of cellular telephones and chipsets that include 1xEV-DO wireless broadband technology. Substantial resources have been invested in this network, including federal grant Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funds. If chips and EV-DO devices are banned, these investments will be wasted; interoperability with neighboring jurisdictions will be jeopardized; and our public safety personnel and those they protect will live in increased risk during day-to-day and catastrophic emergencies. In addition, it would be time-consuming and expensive to change course, and no other standardized technology is available that meets all of our requirements.